FY 2004 BUDGET AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN FOR GLACIER NATIONAL PARK ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

Glacier National Park Superintendent, Michael O. Holm announced that the park's annual performance plan and documents providing details about the appropriated budget and fee revenues for FY 2004 are available for public review as required by the "National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998."

Glacier National Park's total FY 2004 annual operating budget appropriation is \$11,072,000. The estimated net fee revenue retained by Glacier for FY 2004 is \$2,600,000. An additional \$535,000 in net fee revenue is available from funds carried over from FY 2003.

Highlights of the park's budget, which funds specific goals in the annual performance plan, include:

\$1,704,800 in appropriated funds for Resource Preservation and Management

This category includes natural and cultural resource preservation programs, wildlife management including threatened and endangered species management, backcountry management program, plant ecology, fisheries and aquatic biology, air shed management, geographic information systems, water quality monitoring, restoration ecology and integrated pest management, vegetation management, archives, museum, historic research, compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act and the National Environmental Protection Act. This category also includes operation of the Crown of the Continent Learning Center.

\$490,000 in estimated fee revenues retained by the park would address the following Resource Preservation projects:

Backcountry Camping Reservation System Digital Imaging and Archival Processing Grassland Ecological Assessment Lake McDonald Fishery Investigations Lynx Ecology and Population Status Preserve Film Collection Restore Native Vegetation

\$2,947,100 in appropriated funds to address Visitor Services

This category includes visitor center operations and a variety of education programs which include guided hikes, boat tours, evening campfire programs, environmental education programs, outreach to local communities, park publications, website, wayside exhibits, and

park brochures. Also included are wildland fire management, visitor and resource protection, concessions management, park safety program, search and rescue operations, emergency medical services, and structural fire suppression.

\$1,020,000 in estimated fee revenues retained by the park would address the following Visitor Services projects:

Cost of Fee Collection at Park Entrance Stations and Campgrounds Interpretive Boat Tours Upgrade Waysides Exhibits Parkwide

\$4,644,200 in appropriated funds for Facility Operations and Maintenance

This category includes parkwide trail maintenance, vehicle and equipment maintenance and replacement, utility water and sewer systems operations and maintenance, road and bridge maintenance, and plowing park roads. Buildings, grounds and campground maintenance and repair, solid waste disposal, radio systems maintenance and repair, sign shop janitorial services, engineering and landscape architectural services, and Federal Lands Highway Program coordination.

\$1,030,000 in estimated fee revenues would be used for the following Facility Maintenance projects:

Campground Repair and Improvements
Install Vault Toilets
Logan Pass Visitor Center Accessibility
Rehabilitate Trails
Rehabilitation of Buildings Infrastructure
Rehabilitation of Road and Bridge Infrastructure
Repair/Rehabilitate Radio System
Vista Clearing along Going-to-the-Sun Road

\$1,775,900 in appropriated funds for Park Administration

This category includes the office of the superintendent and deputy superintendent. Park administrative services include human resource management, contracting and procurement, property management, permanent change of station costs, office services, budget and finance, supply center operation, government housing management, and information technology.

\$500,000 in estimated fee revenues would be used for the following Park Administrative projects:

Concessions Consulting Services

A copy of Glacier National Park's complete annual performance plan, prepared in accordance with the "Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA)," is available by writing to Superintendent, Glacier National Park, P.O. Box 128, West Glacier, MT 59936.

The goals described in the park's annual performance plan are derived from the FY2001-2005 NPS Strategic Plan, which establishes a performance management process for the Service and incorporates the requirements of GPRA. The Strategic Plan is available on the NPS home page at www.nps.gov.

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